Price control of Vanaspati Units

1465. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to extend the price control of Vanaspati Units introduced to meet the festival requirement by consumers which is going to expire this month; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken on the continuance or otherwise of the voluntary price control of vanaspati units.

Retail market prices of essential commodities

1466. SHRI KAILASHPATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the retail market prices of essential consumer commodities in the month of October in each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) how do they compare with the rise of average per capita income during the same period specially in the rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Retail prices of selected commodities at selected centres are furnished in Annexure (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 58).

(b) Estimates of per capita income are available for the country as a whole, on yearly basis upto 1985-86. Since retail prices are available for selected commodities at selected centres, their proper comparison can not be made with per capita income. Provisional figures of per capita income for the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 and quick estimate of per capita income for the year 1985-86 are given in Statement.

Statement

Per capita income at current and constant (1970-71) prices 1982-83 to 1985-86

Year	Per capita income	
	At current prices (Rs.)	At constant prices (1970-71) (Rs.)
1982-83*	1887.3	721.5
1983-84*	2186.0	763.8
1984-85*	2354.8	774.6
1985-86@	2595.6	797.7

*Provisional.
@Quick estimates.